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MANY QUESTIONS POSED REF A WERE ANSWERED IN LUSAKA REF B.
WE WILL REPEAT THAT INFORMATION IN THIS MESSAGE, WITH RESPONSES
KEYED TO INCOMING.

1.A.1. CHICHELE HAS 36 BEDS.

1.A.2. MFUWE LODGE HAS 32 BEDS, IS ABOUT 12 MILES FROM
CHICHELE ON A REABNABLE GOOD DIRT ROAD, WITH 20-30 MINUTE
DRIVING TIME. LUAMFWA LODGE HAS 16 BEDS, IS ABOUT 50 MILES
FROM CHICHELE ON REASONABLY GOOD DIRT ROADS, WITH A 1-1/2-2
HOUR DRIVING TIME.

1.A.3. MOST ROOMS IN LODGES ARE SMALL AND IT IS DOUBTFUL
WHETHER MORE PERSONS COULD BE SQUEEZED IN THAN NUMBERS GIVEN
ABOVE.

1.A.4. LITTLE EXTRA SPACE WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR OFFICES OR
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A COMMAND POST. BAR-LOUNGE AGDA MIGHT BE USED, AS WELL AS
LIMITED LODGE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES.

1.A.5. ADEQUATE FACILITIES ARE AVAILABLE IN LUSAKA FOR PARTY
AND SUPPORT STAFF WHICH CANNOT BE ACCOMODATED AT OR NEAR CHICHELE.

1.B.1. RUNWAY AT LUANGWA SOUTH AIRPORT IS 7218 FEET LONG, HARD

SURFAGID, WITH LOAD CAPACITY OF LCN 75. IT IS ADEQUATE FOR BOEING 737 AND PROBABLY VC-10, THOUGH PROBABLY NOT FOR 707 AIRCRAFT.

1.B.2. AIRCRAFT CANNOT REPEAT CANNOT OPERATE IN/OUT LUANGWA SOUTH AICTORT AFTER DARK.

1.B.3. THERE IS NO REPEAT NO AIRCRAFT FUEL AT LUANGWA SOUTH AIRPORT. THERE IS A LIMITED SUPPLY OF AVIATION FUEL AT CHIPATA (ABOUT 90 MILES EAST), BUT NO REPEAT NO JET FUEL. CHIPATA CAN TAKE NO REPEAT NO JET AIRCRAFT.

1.B.4. THERE IS NO OTHER SPACE AT OR NEAR MFUWE THAT CAN BE CONVERTED TO OFFICE SPACE/LODGING.

1.C.1. THERE IS NO REPEAT NO TELEPHONE SERVICE BETWEEN CHICHELE AND LUSAKA. THERE IS RADIO-TELEPHONE CONNECTION BETWEEN CHICHELE AND THE ZAMBIA NATIONAL TOURIST BUREAU IN LUSAKA.

1.C.2. ROAD CONDITIONS BETWEEN LUSAKA AND LUANGWA ARE GOOD, WITH A PAVED ROAD MOST OF THE WAY. DRIVING TIME IS ABOUT TEN HOURS.

1.C.3. CURRENT WEATHER CONDITIONS ARE GOOD - DRY BUT NOT YET HOT.

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AT NO AIRSTRIP TUTLER NOHAN LUANGWA SOUTH AIRPORT WHICH IS LOCATED NEAR MFUWE LODGE.

1.C.5. SMALL AIRCRAFT, INCLUDING LEAR JET, CAN BE RENTED WHICH ARE CAPABLE OF LANDING AT LUANGWA SOUTH. NO REPEAT XB HELICOPTERS CAN BE RENTED, BUT ZAMBIAN GOVERNMENT COULD POSSIBLY PROVIDE HELICOPTER SERVICE.

1.C.6. THERE IS AN ADEQUATE SOURCE OF POTABLE WATER AT ALL LODGES. FOOD COULD BE A PROBLEM, BUT WE ASSUME ZAMBIAN GOVERNMENT WOULD MAKE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS.
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